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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
HEADQUARTERS, UNITED STATES ARMY GARRISON
FORT DRUM, NEW YORK 13602-5000

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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Garrison Policy Memorandum #30, Concealed Knife Policy

1. Purpose: To establish policy regarding the sale or possession of dangerous knives and knife-like weapons.
2. References:
 - a. New York Penal Law, Section 265.01.
 - b. 10th Mtn Div (LI) & Fort Drum Regulation No. 190-6, Military Police, Control of Firearms, Ammunition and Other Dangerous Weapons.
3. General. New York law defines criminal possession of a weapon in the fourth degree to include the possession of any dagger, dangerous knife, dirk, razor, stiletto, or any other dangerous or deadly instrument or weapon with intent to use it unlawfully against another. Fort Drum prohibits the carrying of a concealed knife with a blade over four inches in length upon the person or in a vehicle's passenger compartment. It also prohibits the possession, sale, or manufacture of any knife commonly referred to as a switchblade, or any device designed to be worn or cupped in the hand while striking another individual.
4. Policy. Law enforcement personnel may assume that any such weapons hidden or concealed in the passenger compartment of a vehicle or on someone's person indicates the requisite intent to use them unlawfully against another. They will treat them as threats to their safety. In addition, since law enforcement personnel have found more and more knives concealed within vehicle compartments and on individuals, I am prohibiting the retail sale of any double edge knives (e.g. daggers), dirks, stilettos, "metal knuckle knives", or any gravity knives such as switchblade or pilum ballistic knives, or any knife with a blade over four inches long on Fort Drum.
5. POC for this memorandum is the Directorate of Emergency Services at 2-5721.

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